



# MASON DIXON POST 194



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October - December 2024

This is our Newsletter for the months of October, November, and December of 2024. It contains a list of the upcoming events that will be occurring at the Legion during these months. Our next Newsletter will be sent out at the end of December 2024.

For additional information concerning our upcoming events, you can visit the American Legion Mason Dixon Post 194 web site that offers information about "What's Happening at Post 194"- (Web Site: [www.alpost194.com](http://www.alpost194.com)).

Below are the current Officers for the American Legion Mason Dixon Post, Auxiliary Unit 194, SAL Squadron 194, American Legion Riders that were elected to serve during the Legion Year of 2024-2025:

**American Legion Post 194 Officers:**  
**American Legion Mason Dixon Post 194**

- Post Commander – James Parker
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander – Ray Conger
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander – Roger Ball
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander – Marty Weaver
- Finance Officer – Jeff Hughes
- Adjutant – Glen Beares
- Service Officer – Danny McLaughlin
- Chaplain – Russ Gulick
- Sgt-at-Arms- Robert Barben
- Judge Advocate - Frank Morgan
- Historian – Joe Bradford
- Senior Color Bearer – Tom Hawk

Members elected to serve on the Executive Committee are Mike Saponaro, Dick Kline, and Jay Evans; appointed members are Bobby Burlin, Charlie Johnson, and Martin Thompson

**American Legion Auxiliary Unit 194 Officers:**  
**American Legion Auxiliary Unit 194**

- President – Dana Fritts
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Lisa Ewing
- Secretary – Shirl Cameron
- Treasurer – Joann Ross
- Sgt. at Arms - Josie Weaver
- Color Bearer - Julie Guethler
- Chaplain - Barb Flynn
- Historian – Sharon Burlin

**SAL Squadron 194 Officers:**  
**Mason Dixon SAL Squadron 194**

- Commander – Walt Ragan, Jr.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander - Rusty Ewing
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander - Steve Webb
- Adjutant – Roy Stoltzfus
- Finance Officer - Charlie Richardson
- Sgt-At-Arms – Mick McDaniel
- Chaplain – Kevin Moore
- Historian - Matt Haught

**American Legion Riders Officers:**  
**Mason Dixon American American Legion Riders**

- Director – Johanna White
- Assistant Director – Edwin Ramirez
- Road Captain – Chuck White
- Sgt-at-Arms: Kevin Moore
- Treasurer – Amy Cavanaugh
- Secretary – Michael Laws
- Safety Officer – Steve Crippa
- Membership Officer - Fran To
- Chaplain – Catharina Huyser-Remhof

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If you would prefer to print your own Newsletter and opt out of receiving a hard copy via regular mail delivery please let us know by sending your name and address to one of the following email addresses.

- Regular Legion Members - [amerleg194@zoominternet.net](mailto:amerleg194@zoominternet.net)
- SAL Members - [Salpost194@gmail.com](mailto:Salpost194@gmail.com)
- Auxiliary Members - [Post194ladies@gmail.com](mailto:Post194ladies@gmail.com)
- Legion Riders - [ALRPost194@outlook.com](mailto:ALRPost194@outlook.com)

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## VETERANS CORNER

In this part of our Newsletter we like to acknowledge individuals for their service and their endless contributions to the American Legion Mason Dixon Post 194. In this version of our Newsletter we would like to proudly salute our new Commander, James Parker.

Parker entered the U.S. Army in January of 1998. He completed OSUT/Basic training at Fort Knox, Kentucky, graduating as a scout and being assigned to the 10th Mountain Division's, 3/17 Calvary, Fort Drum, New York. He later deployed to Kosovo as part of the NATO-led peace keeping force (KFOR). Parker was afforded the opportunity to train at Fort Eustis, Virginia and add aviation avionics and electrical systems technician to his Occupational Specialties. Upon returning to Fort Drum, he was assigned to the 10th Air Assault Battalion, attended air assault school as part of the 10th Mountain Light Fighters School and was assigned to the downed aircraft recovery team (DART). After September 11th he deployed as part of a task force to prepare for operations in Bagram and Kandahar, Afghanistan. In 2004, Parker was deployed with a detachment of 10th Mountain troops to supplement reserve units in Iraq, spending a year there before returning home.

Parker has been a member of the Mason-Dixon post for 13 years. He was the previous Judge Advocate and he is currently serving as the Post Commander. He is also a member of SAL Squadron 194.

## **Legion News/Information**

**School Supply Donations** - Please help us collect school supplies for area students. The Give to Education donation box is located at the American Legion, 338 E Main Street, Rising Sun MD 21911. Monetary donations are also accepted. We will be collecting donations throughout the school year. The Auxiliary Unit thanks you for your support.

**SAL Gun Raffle** - Squadron 194 will be having their 8th Annual Gun Raffle on October 6, 2024 from 12:00 PM -5:00 PM. The cost is \$10 per ticket which includes food (pit beef, pit ham, and sides), draft beer, soda, and water. 30 guns are being raffled with additional raffles throughout the day. The winners will have the choice of the gun or \$300 cash. "Exit 93" will be playing live music during the event. Venmo payments are accepted -@SAL-Squadron194. Tickets are available at The Rising Sun Legion, Walt Ragan at 410-459-3608, or Rusty Ewing at 443-309- 2293.

**SAL Shrimp Dinners** - The SAL will be hosting their Shrimp Dinners on the 2nd and 4th Sundays during the months of October through April. The dinner will be from 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (No Shrimp Dinner December 22nd due to the Holiday Season). The menu consists of steamed or breaded shrimp, crab cake sandwiches, fish sandwiches, homemade crab soup, hush puppies, and french fries. These Shrimp Dinners have proved to be a very successful event for the SAL. All proceeds from these dinners help provide funds to support the many programs offered by the SAL Squadron 194. There will also be live bands playing in the Banquet Room during the shrimp dinners.

Below is the scheduled band list for the Shrimp Dinners through the end of the year;

October 13th - Route One

October 27th - Lost Train

November 10th - Throwback Junkies

November 24th - Exit 93

December 8th - Olivia Reynolds

**Riders Breakfast** - The American Legion Riders will be having their delicious all you can eat breakfast buffet the 3rd Sunday of each month, October through March, from 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM. Items include bacon, scrapple, sausage, eggs, potatoes, sausage gravy, chip beef gravy, toast, biscuits, and made to order pancakes. Adults \$14, Children under 12 \$7

**Halloween Adult Costume Party** - We will be having this year's Adult Halloween Costume Party on Friday Night, October 25, 2024 from 6:30 PM - 10:30 PM in the Lounge area. We typically have a great turnout for this event each year. Kruisin Karaoke will be here to provide the musical entertainment. We will be giving out prizes for the funniest, scariest, and the most original costumes. You should start early this year to come up with a unique costume to wear at this year's Halloween Party. Come out and enjoy the funny sights here at the Legion. We are sure that you will have a great time. Remember every Friday night we serve plain steak, and cheesesteak sandwiches, and fries from 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM.

**Sponsor a hero for Veterans Day** - The American Legion Riders are sponsoring our beautiful display of American Flags that will be flown in front of the legion parking lot from November 1st through November 15th. This display will include both our Veterans Day Program on November 8th and actual Veterans Day on November 11th. Stop in the legion and see the bartenders for a form to honor your favorite Veteran, First Responder or any Essential Medical Personnel. For \$10, a flag will be flown with the tag bearing the name/service information of your favorite hero(s) and will include the name of the dedicating person/family. This display is a beautiful reminder of our gratitude to those who serve, have served, are trained, and respond in times of need. Forms will be available at the bar, see one of our awesome bartenders.

**Veterans Day Program** - This year our Annual Veterans Day Program will be held on Friday night, November 8th. Our program will consist of: Cocktail hour with hors d'oeuvres from 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM; Dinner from 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM; and our Veterans Day program will be 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM. We are now making the final preparations for this year's Veterans Day program. A reminder to everyone - You may want to make your reservations early since we expect a big turnout. We will begin accepting reservations in Mid-October for this event. The cost of the dinner is \$10.00 per person. Immediately following our Veterans Day program, Kruisin Karaoke will provide music from 9:00 PM to Midnight.

**Toys for Tots Donations** - Post 194 is a local collection site for the Marine Corp Reserve Toys for Tots Program. The basic mission of the Marine Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys and distribute those toys to less fortunate children at Christmas. Through the gift of a new toy, help bring the joy of Christmas and send a message of hope to America's less fortunate. Please drop off your donation at Post 194 at any time through December 10, 2024.

**Angel Tree** - Every child deserves to experience the joy of Christmas morning. This year the American Legion will be sponsoring an Angel Tree program to provide new clothing and/or toys for children of needy families in our community through the support of donors. The Angel Tree at the American Legion will be decorated with numbered paper angel tags which will supply the age and gender of a child and what they are in need of this Christmas. Contributors remove one or more tags from the tree and purchase appropriate gifts for the child or children described on the tags. The Angel Tree will be decorated and ready with tags on November 1, 2024. All gifts should be returned to the Legion on or before December 1, 2024.

**Membership Early Bird Dinner** - Sunday December 1, 2024 we will hold our Early Bird Membership Dinner - Our 2025 Membership Cards are now here at the Post. Any member who has paid their 2025 membership dues prior to December 1, 2024 can attend our Early Bird Dinner for free. Dinner will be from 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM and music will be from 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Please help the Legion, the Auxiliary, and the SAL reach their 2025 membership goals by paying your dues early. Also, keep in mind that we are always looking to sign up new members. If you know of any eligible person who wants to join any of our three Legion Organizations, please give this person a membership application form.

**Children's Christmas Party** - This year our Annual Children's Christmas Party will be held December 14, 2024 from 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM. This event is sponsored by SAL Squadron 194 and Auxiliary Unit 194. There will be a visit from Santa Claus and many decorated areas available to take your own photos. There is no age limit for the children to attend. There will be refreshments, snacks, drinks, and activities for the children. Since we are expecting a large crowd, we are asking that anyone who plans to attend this event to please pre-register with the number of children and adults who will be attending. This will help us plan how many people will be joining us this year. Pre-registration will begin November 1, 2024. To pre-register please contact Shirl Cameron at 443-504-2201, or Dana Fritts at 410-688-0280. Please do not call the Legion to pre-register. We will be holding a Silent Auction for approximately 6 - 8 fully decorated trees this year. If you would like to sponsor a tree or donate to this event please contact Shirl Cameron at 443-504-2201, or Donna Thomas at 443-466-7506. Sponsorship/donation forms will be available at the Legion starting in November. The trees will be on display in our Lounge area beginning in November.

**New Year's Eve Party** - The legion will host our annual New Year's Eve Party on Tuesday, December 31, 2024 from 6:00 PM - 12:30 PM. Dinner will be served from 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM. Live music will be provided by Smokin Guns starting at 8:30 PM. Ticket sales will be available at the Legion beginning October 1, 2024. The cost of this event is \$15/person or \$25/couple. The cost at the door is \$20/person. Admission includes Party Favors, Snack Bar, Live Entertainment and a Cocktail Toast at Midnight. A Cash Bar will be available, along with a dinner menu that will include shrimp, crab cakes, stuffed chicken and other items (the full menu and prices will be posted closer to the event).

**American Legion Auxiliary Unit 194 Cookbook** - The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 194 has collected recipes from several members of Post 194 and compiled them in a beautiful cookbook. The cookbooks are currently being published and will be available for sale soon for the cost of \$12.00 per book. If you would like to order a copy of our Auxiliary Cookbook please send an email to Post194ladies@gmail.com so that we can hold a copy for you. Please include your name, email address and phone number in the email request so that we can contact you when the Cookbooks arrive back from the publisher. Thank you for your support.

#### **Daily Lunches:**

We offer daily lunches during the weekdays from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM. A limited "Lunch Menu" is offered for \$8.00.

#### **Week Night Dinners:**

**Monday Nights** - Chicken Wings from 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM. We offer plain wings, breaded wings, and chicken fingers with a variety of sauces and French fries.

Haven Bare (Kruisin Karaoke) is here every Monday night from 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM providing great music.

**Tuesday Nights** - Burgers from 5:00pm - 7:30pm. We offer plain burgers and cheeseburgers with a variety of toppings on the fixing bar and french fries.

**Wednesday Nights** - Flatbread Pizzas from 5:00pm - 7:30pm. We offer a wide variety of pizza toppings for your Flatbread. Ricky Holbrook is here every Wednesday night playing music from 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM.

**Thursday Nights** - Tacos from 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM. We offer ground beef hard tacos, soft tacos, nachos, and taco salad. We have a fixing bar available to add all of your toppings.

**Friday** - Cheesesteaks from 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM. We offer plain steaks and cheesesteaks with toppings and french fries. Please note: The first Friday of each month beginning in September through May we will be serving the Auxiliary dinner versus Cheesesteaks.

#### **Below is the current music scheduled for Friday Nights:**

October 4th - How's My Hat

October 11th - Grace Elly Duo

October 18th - Back Roads

October 25th - Kruisin Karaoke

November 1st - Blades of Grass

November 8th - Kruisin Karaoke

November 15th - The Bopper

November 22nd - Rick & Connie

November 29th - Lost Train

December 6th - Back Roads

December 13th - Blades of Grass

December 20th - Kruisin Karaoke

December 27th - The Amigos

**Saturday Night Bingo** - We have Bingo here at the Post home every Saturday night from 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM. There are a series of regular bingo games that are played, as well as a variety of other special games, including 2 jackpot games. Our bingo kitchen is open from 4:30 PM - 8:30 PM every Saturday night. A variety of food items are offered on our kitchen menu.

**Membership Meetings** - The general membership meetings (Regular Members, Auxiliary Unit, and SAL) will begin again in September on the 4th Thursday of each month. The meetings begin at 7:00 PM.

**Family Meetings** - These meetings are open to all members (Regular Members, Auxiliary Unit, SAL, and Riders) and are held the Thursday following the general membership meetings beginning at 7:00 PM.

**Bike Night at the Legion** - The Legion Riders will be having this event at the Legion on the 2nd Tuesday of each month during April 2024 through October 2024. There will be a 50/50 at each Bike night event and there will hot dogs and hamburgers for sale at each of these events.

**American Legion Riders (ALR) Local Chapter Meeting Info** - The monthly meetings of the ALR local chapter are held here at Post 194 on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM. All members are urged to attend these meetings to keep informed of the many planned upcoming activities of the local chapter.

**Friday Night Dinners** - The American Legion Unit 194 Auxiliary sponsors Friday night dinners on the 1st Friday Night of each month beginning in September from 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM. The dinners are \$15.00 per person and will be held through May 2025. These dinners are a "Buffet Style" dinner consisting of a choice of two meats with a variety of other food items such as mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, dessert, etc. Come out and enjoy a great meal for \$15.00 and support our Legion's Auxiliary Unit. If you are interested in helping the Auxiliary at these events, please contact Dana Fritts at 410-688-0280 or any Auxiliary Member at the Legion and let them know you are interested.

**2025 Membership Dues** - The 2025 membership cards for the Regular Members, the Auxiliary Members, and the SAL Members

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are now available at the Legion. The Regular American Legion Member membership dues are \$40.00 and the Auxiliary dues are \$35.00 and are \$30.00. We ask that all members please try to pay your membership dues as soon as you can - You will be helping the membership of our three organizations reach the membership goals for the upcoming year.

**Chaplain's Message (From Russ Gulick, Post 194 Chaplain)** - Here we are closing in on another year. The holidays will be here before you know it. Enjoy them with family and friends. Remember in your prayers the service men and women that can't be here with us, the sick and homebound. There are many members that are in need of our prayers. We have a new commander James Parker, give him our support for the coming year. Also remember our prayers past commander Neil Eller who gave many years of service to the legion. Many thanks and you are appreciated. Peace, Love and Happiness to you all. Always in my prayers.

Other items of interest - Don't forget to support the Post 194 Honor Guard, the Unit 194 Auxiliary, and the SAL Squadron 194 by purchasing weekly 50/50 tickets. The proceeds from these weekly drawings are used to provide the many services they provide to this community.

**T-Shirt (Merchandise) Sales** - SAL and Auxiliary t-shirts are available for purchase. The Post will have shirts available on Facebook soon.

**Hall Rental** - If you need a space to hold an event please remember that if you are a member of the American Legion, Sons of American Legion Auxiliary Unit, or the Riders you can rent the Post 194 Hall. The Hall will accommodate 250 people. Members can also sponsor a hall rental in our community. You can supply your own food, decorations and music or pay for the Auxiliary unit of Post 194 to cater your event. Please contact Dana Fritts at 410-688-0280 for rental costs and other information.



**Don't Throw Away your Slot Machine Tickets** – Instead, drop them in our Veteran's Donation Box located in the game room. Every little bit helps as we accumulate funds to donate to our local area veteran organizations.

**James Parker, Commander**  
American Legion Post 194

**Dana Fritts, President**  
Unit 194 Auxiliary

**Walt Ragan Jr., SAL Commander**  
Son of the American Legion



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